

Missionaries Aid Flooded Bangladesh

By James McKinley Jr.

DACCA, Bangladesh (BP) — The huge jet cargo plane touched down easily at the Dacca airport. The load, heavy and precious, contained food for the starving victims of a flood that engulfs two-thirds of Bangladesh.

This is the third time in five years the Bangladesis have faced national devastation. The first time, in November 1970, another flood swept the land killing half-million people. Then, just four months later, a war for independence took the lives of three million more.

This flood, the worse since 1954 according to Southern Baptist missionaries in the area, has affected 30 million people. The rice crops are destroyed. The next harvest will be at best delayed. The waters must recede before the people can plant.

Coming to the aid of Bangladesh

Christian Life Body Emphasizes Applied Christianity

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission bestowed its 1974 Distinguished Service Award and heard a prominent churchman analyze practical application of the Christian faith at the commission's annual meeting here.

The commission also approved a record budget of \$300,000, elected a new slate of officers and mapped plans for the future.

Lloyd Crawford, a layman from Golden, Colo., succeeds Cecil Sherman, a pastor from Asheville, N.C., as chairman. Sarah Frances Anders, head of the sociology department at Louisiana College, a Baptist school in Pineville, was named vice chairperson. William M. Pinson Jr., professor of Christian ethics at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary is the secretary.

W. Randall Lolley, president of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C., received the Distinguished Service Award which cited for "unique contributions to Southern Baptists in the area of applied Christianity."

Martin E. Marty, in an address to the commission, discussed the "binocular vision" that Christians must have to view not only the eternal but "to see God revealed in the face of human pain."

"Jesus Christ can be found in the middle of everything — but the road," declared Marty, associate editor of Christian Century and professor of modern church history at the University of Chicago's Divinity School.

"Not to take a stand is to take a stand," he said, "especially in the welter of controversial issues we face in the world. People know your faith by where you stand," he said, adding that three-fourths of the Christians were silent in Hitler's Germany, thereby casting their votes for evil.

The Lutheran clergyman said that often Christians, when in doubt, stick with the status quo. "The demonic pervades the structures of existence," he warned.

He also urged that Christians look for new strategies and not just decide that something doesn't work if it doesn't work as it did in the 1950s.

Marty suggested that churches "unless the power" of the laity and that they attempt to minister in crises before

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are several mission organizations including the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. The board in its September meeting appropriated a total of \$33,664 for relief efforts related to the floods. Of the total, \$10,000 was from relief funds, \$22,453 came from capital funds to be re-designated from agricultural work to flood relief, and \$1,211 was received as a special gift from the First Southern Baptist Church in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Already James E. Young, Southern Baptist missionary, with the help of Bengali Christians, has distributed four truck loads of rice seedlings in one area where a crop would have

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World Missions Conference Held At Garaywa

The annual World Missions Rally jointly sponsored by the Brotherhood and WMU departments was held Sept. 14 at Camp Garaywa. Several attending are seen, from left: Rev. Lewis Myers, missionary to Viet Nam; Miss Marjean Patterson, WMU executive secretary; Rev.

Charles Tope, missionary to Kenya; Dick Lemaster, Home Mission Board, Atlanta; Murry Alexander, Greenville layman; Mrs. Alexander; Paul Harrell, associate in Brotherhood Department.

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Jackson Area Goes 'Over The Top' In \$100,000 Gulfshore Goal

The Jackson goal of \$100,000 for the state wide Baptist campaign of \$1,250,000 to "Restore Gulfshore" has gone "over the top."

Dr. David Grant, of Jackson, general chairman of the "Restore Gulfshore" Campaign, said that \$100,814 in cash and pledges had been received in the Jackson area campaign as of Sept. 14.

John Mobley, of Jackson, is chairman of the Jackson area campaign and he, along with others who assisted in the Jackson effort, were commended for their success by Dr. Grant and other state leaders.

Regarding the progress of the state-wide campaign Dr. Grant said that

"using actual figures, some projected figures and estimates, we are now within \$50,000 of our goal of \$1,250,000."

"Momentum has picked up and we need one 'big push' now to go 'over the top' before the State Convention meeting in November."

Dr. Grant said that the \$1,250,000 would be added to other funds already allocated to rebuild the Assembly.

Dr. Grant said that a statewide campaign to raise \$1,250,000 for the restoration of Gulfshore Baptist Assembly at Pass Christian was launched in 1972 as a result of action

by the Mississippi Baptist Convention in November of that year.

Gulfshore Assembly was practically destroyed by Hurricane Camille in 1969.

Other statewide officers in addition to Dr. Grant are Dr. Beverly Tinnin, Meridian, chairman of the Steering Committee; W. Henry Holman, Jackson, chairman of the individual gifts division; K. Hayes Callcutt, Jackson, vice-chairman, individual gifts division; Dr. Bill Causey, Jackson, chairman church gifts division.

Dr. Grant is also pastor of Broadmoor Baptist Church in Jackson and president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

The target date for occupancy of the restored facility is the summer of 1976.

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Mr. Mobley

The annual principal business meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will be held at the Baptist Building in Jackson Sept. 23-24, according to Dr. Earl Kelly, the Board's executive secretary-treasurer.

Dr. Harold T. Bryson, Carthage, is president of the body and will preside.

The 100-member Board is scheduled to adopt a Cooperative Program budget for 1975, hear reports of all phases of its work and make recommendations to be presented to the Mississippi Baptist Convention which will meet in Jackson Nov. 12-14 at the First Baptist Church.

The Board will also hear a report from the Gulfshore Restoration Finance Campaign, Dr. David Grant, Jackson, chairman.

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been impossible next year without them.

Thomas E. Thurman, Southern Baptist missionary, has purchased medicines to be distributed by the Faridpur Baptist Church and missionary Thomas D. Kirkpatrick.

In another area, missionary Carl F. Ryther has supplied 1,000 ducks. These baby ducks grow quickly and will become food for hungry stomachs. Ryther has also purchased and distributed 3,000 baby fish of a fast-growing species that will soon alleviate suffering for some. Or-

ders have been placed for an additional 50,000 baby fish.

R. T. Ruckley began work immediately assisting the Salvation Army and local organizations in supplying food to the desperate people.

The new appropriations will be used for purchasing ducks and fish, sinking tube wells and building houses. Then, also money will be used for distribution of seed the missionaries hope to receive from other groups.

Ducks will be used now and to build up flocks for the future, and fish will be furnishing food within four months. The houses, built by missionaries

in the past, stand today as proof of the permanence of the efforts. Tube wells will supply pure water and therefore aid in alleviating the disease that comes with flooding.

Only one missionary injury was reported related to the flood. Dan Hill, 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. (Danny) Hill, suffered a broken leg in a bus wreck while traveling to a flood area with his father.

In a land that often faces great floods, most agree that this is the worst. Missionaries, though, in most cases sent as preachers, are answering the physical needs of the people as well as the spiritual needs.

Foreign Board Hears Report on Mozambique

RICHMOND (BP) — A guardedly optimistic report on the future of Baptist work and the status of missionaries in politically-troubled Mozambique marked the September meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board here.

The board also appropriated \$44,164 for relief efforts in Bangladesh and Upper Volta and heard a report from Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, on the board's role in channelling relief funds.

Davis Saunders, the board's area secretary for Eastern and Southern Africa, sharing the contents of a wire just received from Bud Fray, missionary in the area, characterized the situation in Mozambique as "tense and troubled."

However, earlier reports are more encouraging. Quoting Ernest Harvey, missionary to Mozambique, Saunders indicated missionaries are continuing their work with "much more freedom than ever experienced by Protestant missionaries in Mozambique."

"Doors are wide open for missionaries," Saunders continued quoting Harvey. "Within the last three weeks, immigration requirements have been lessened for missionaries to enter. If we just had missionaries who were ready to come now!"

Saunders reported that soon after the revolution in Portugal, First Baptist Church of Lourenco Marques held the first open air service in its 25-year history. The Portuguese Baptist leaders have requested three other Southern Baptist missionary couples to join the Harveys.

working even in these attacks as we are reminded: 'Woe unto you when all men speak well of you.'

Citing the moral, family, political, racial and economic crises in society, Valentine noted that the need for the Christian Life Commission's emphasis on Christian morality development is "needed more than ever before."

The question of race, for example, Valentine said, "The racial crisis has not gone away. On the contrary, it is building up a head of steam. A stifled desperation hangs in the air and the dream of Martin Luther King, like the vision of Isaiah, goes unfulfilled while in the distance...there is a sound of knives being sharpened."

He said moral emphases are urgent in a time faced by the "crumbling of the pillars of state. The approaching Bicentennial celebration should afford us the opportunity of the century to expand this emphasis."

AN AUDIENCE with the Bahamian governor general and his wife was held for the executive committee of the organization of Baptists in the Caribbean countries, the Caribbean Baptist Fellowship, at its recent annual meeting here. In business sessions, the committee admitted the Independent Baptist Mission of Trinidad and Tobago, bringing the total number of member bodies to 19 with a membership of 200,000.

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Valentine noted that defeat of the Christian Life Commission's proposals on freedom of women at the SBC in Dallas last June has issued a wave of support stronger than we have felt in a number of years.

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Professor Of Ethics Talks About The Question Of Euthanasia

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logical aspect: Does man have a moral right to end the life of another suffering human being, even at the request of the sufferer?

For the Christian, the third aspect may be decisive. If the answer should be, "no, man does not have the moral right to end the life of another," then the two prior aspects, legal and medical, have no validity. If the answer should be a yes, however much qualified, then the medical and legal aspects are very important.

What, then, does the Bible say about a person's choosing when and under what circumstances he will die? And, what does it say about a person's having the moral right to end the life of another? Although the two questions are related, they are not the same except in the very broadest sense.

From the prior study of capital

punishment, the conclusion has already been reached that from within a biblical perspective, the right of man (society or government) to take the life of another is very reluctantly granted. This kind of taking of life would be a sad, regretful, last recourse and an admission of failure on the part of everyone concerned. With scriptural emphasis on the sanctity of human life, taking of human life in this or any other way signifies the breakdown of what God tries to do with man. It is the temporary triumph of evil over good.

In the light of such reluctance, can a person claim a right to say when and under what circumstances he shall die? If the cases of suicide presented in the Bible are examined, some light may be shone on the subject. Ahab, King David's counselor and later quelling, committed sui-

cide. No judgment is pronounced, not even a commentary, about his self-killing. Abimelech, rebel, traitor, murderer, had himself killed to avoid an even sorrier death. No judgment is passed on his suicide-by-order. Zimri, usurper and murderer, burned the king's house around him and died. Samson, God's instrument on more than one occasion, pulled a heathen temple down on his tormentors and himself. Saul, paranoid king, mortally wounded in battle, fell on his own sword. These men all ended their own lives. Although Scripture does not condemn them for their self-destruction, euthanasia. The most that can be said is that God did not overtly condemn them for choosing their deaths and deliberately ending their lives.

Appeal can be made to the action of Jesus. Many times, as recorded in the Gospels, Jesus spoke of his com-

ing death. Although he would die at the hands of others, he emphasized that both his life and his death were just that: his, and not theirs. His choosing of his own death was in reality an affirmation of the sanctity of life. The most brutal and degrading kind of death could not really destroy the life that was His.

It seems that many times Paul deliberately placed himself in situations where death was a preponderant possibility. Could those decisions by the apostle be called a deliberate choosing of the probability of death? Other cases could rightfully be made of God-fearing people who placed themselves in similar circumstances.

Every human has a sacred right to his own life. It is not possible, from within a biblical perspective, to speak of it as an absolute right. Current tradition at the time of Jesus af-

firmed the right of a member of God's people to end his own life. This right could be exercised only when continued living would possibly result either in an idolatrous act or in degradation of life and body at the hands of others. God's right for his image (man) not to be degraded or debased was seen to be above man's right to continue to live if his living would be subhuman or infrahuman.

This seems to be the issue for a Christian in euthanasia. At stake is not just life, but the quality and purpose of that life. While a person has the physical and mental capacity to make choices for the future, does he have the right to determine the conditions under which he does not want to continue physical existence? The actions of Jesus, Paul, and other followers of Jesus indicate that they were guided by the understanding

that they had that right. When and if the prior question of the right to choose death under specified circumstances is decided, the problem then is spelling out the medical and legal problems involved in making the decision and carrying it out.

Death itself is personally remote to most Christians' thinking. The physical experience of it is put out of mind. This can be a failure to exercise responsible faith. While we yet have the faculty of responsibility is the time when we need to affirm the sanctity of human life, which we also affirm does not cease with physical death. Each of us lives closer to death daily than we imagine. Why should we not guarantee and then exercise our right to meaningful personal life, a right that should not be thwarted by a meaningless existence devoid of communication and companionship.

Forum

Creedalism Not A Danger To Baptists

Dear Editor:

The Baptist Press reports that Charles W. Deeweese, Assistant Director of Editorial and Research Services for the Southern Baptist Historical Commission, has said that Southern Baptists are moving toward creedalism. Mr. Deeweese is reported as saying, "This creedalism exists in the movement which suggests that all Southern Baptists give allegiance to the precise doctrines and wording of the 1963 statement of Baptist Faith and Message."

This sounds like a cry of "Wolf" when there is no wolf. Indeed, there is reason to believe that the cry may be designed to divert the denomination's attention away from a real "wolf."

In whatever effort has been made to call Southern Baptists to a renewed loyalty to the Baptist Faith and Message Statement, there has been nothing to indicate that Southern Baptists are expected to "give allegiance to the precise doctrines and wording of the 1963 statement." The Baptist Faith and Message Fellowship, which is but the merest tip of the iceberg of conservative feeling and opinion among Southern Baptists, has sought primarily to remind our people of the paramount importance of our belief in the Bible as "truth without mixture of error," and thus our sole rule for faith and practice. There has been no attempt to say what any individual Baptist should believe about any of the several doctrines we hold. What we have sought to do is to say that Southern Baptists have become what they are, and have wrought monumental achievements, because of their belief in an inerrant, infallible, and authoritative Scripture. It is our firm conviction that this is a fundamental, bedrock tenet which we cannot relinquish without losing our denominational soul.

There is a vast difference between the workmen busy redecorating the various rooms of a building, each in his own way, and another group which is at work undermining the very foundations of the building. The latter group is destined to destroy the whole structure, whether they know it or not. To warn the inhabitants of the building as to what is going on at the foundation level is not to declare that every room in the building must be decorated exactly alike.

For Mr. Deeweese to say that "there is a tendency to let the Baptist Faith and Message take the place of Scripture" is to indicate a shallow acquaintance with Southern Baptists. There is no evidence to support his statement. Baptists believe the Bible; it is their guide. They well know the difference between a

statement or confession of faith, and their source of truth. There are likely thousands of Baptist churches whose members know little or nothing about the 1963 Baptist Faith and Message statement. True, they believe in essence what it states. But the Bible is their creed. They hold it to be God's infallible and true Word, and they have not the slightest intention of letting the Baptist Faith and Message statement become a substitute. By the same token, they also believe that any person who calls himself a Southern Baptist ought also to believe that the Bible IS God's Word, our sole rule, and our supreme and indispensable source of truth.

Southern Baptists aren't about to become creedal. In fact, we are about to be splintered into factions by what we believe. "Nobody tells a Baptist what to believe." Tragically, we are using that cliché and concept to exalt a humanistic view of the competency of the soul, so that it would become, for some at least, a far more definitive and important doctrine than the doctrine of the primacy and supremacy of Scripture. Which is more vital and important — supremacy of Scripture, or competency of the soul? As long as there is no conflict, it is fine to say that they are of equal importance. But when they clash, which has priority? There is a wonderful and total freedom in Christ, but surely no one will argue that this means a person can believe anything and do anything he may desire, and be in Christ. The teaching of the competency of the soul has no Christian meaning apart from its location within the confines of the biblical revelation. Admittedly, a person can believe anything, and interpret a doctrine any way desired. But no one can believe as a Satanist and be a Christian.

Southern Baptists have declared time and time again, in books and periodicals of several generations, that the distinguished marks of Baptists begin with the Supremacy of Scripture. It is our doctrinal cornerstone. It is hard to conceive how a person can believe that the Bible is a human book subject to humanistic manipulation and still claim to be a Southern Baptist. If we have given that much importance to the "competency of the soul," then we have stretched it completely out of shape and torn from it all intelligent meaning. Being a Southern Baptist means much more than the ability to say "You can believe anything you want to believe."

M. O. OWENS, JR.
Parkwood Baptist Church
Gastonia, N. C.



Pictured on the platform with Dr. Melton is Judy Rice, WML Executive Secretary, Alaska, who has served in this capacity since 1968. She is only the 2nd WML Executive Secretary in the 25 year history of the Alaska WML. Other speakers on the program included former



Mississippian, Rev. Gene Foshee, photo at right, now pastor at First Church, Juneau, and Mrs. Don Rollins, center, a graduate of Blue Mountain College, who now serves as a home missionary in King Salmon, Alaska.

Mississippians Speak At Alaska WMU Celebration

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Mississippi was well represented during the recent 25th Anniversary of Woman's Missionary Union in Alaska. The annual meeting, held at Calvary Baptist Church, had over 100 in attendance during sessions on August 12-13.

Dr. Charles Melton, professor of Bible at Clarke College, was a guest speaker for the event. Following the WMU Convention, Dr. Melton led a study of the Sermon on the Mount, Sunday through Thursday nights at Granview Church in Anchorage. Also visited and spoke to several other churches include First, Juneau; Faith Church, Anchorage; and Palmer Church, Matanuska Valley.

Mississippi WMU's interest in Alas-

ka goes back to the days when Miss Edwina Robinson served as WMU Executive Secretary, and for several years the state WMU sent \$200 to this new convention territory to assist in the work during the busy summer months full of activity.

In commemoration of the first 25 years of the Alaska Woman's Missionary Union, a special eight page newspaper entitled the WMU PETTICOAT GAZETTE was published! Full of historical facts, stories, and pictures, any church library would find this publication to be a great addition to their collection of missions materials. For a copy, send only \$2.00 with your name and mailing address to:

WMU — Alaska Baptist Convention
SRA Box 1791 — Anchorage 99507



Pictured speaking during the annual meeting is Dr. Charles Melton, Professor of Bible at Clarke College in Newton. He brought the climaxing message centering his challenging remarks around the theme, "By Thy Help, We Go On". Dr. Melton also participated in the state GA-RA Convention which was held at First Baptist Church following the WMU Annual Meeting.

Mississippi

George McGee's Life Different After Eku

By Barbara T. McCoy

EKU, Nigeria — George McGee's life may never be the same after having what he calls "an Eku experience."

For two months this summer, McGee has lived and worked with Southern Baptist missionaries at Eku Baptist Hospital in Nigeria. Now he goes back to his sophomore year at the University of Mississippi School of Medicine with a story to tell about his summer.

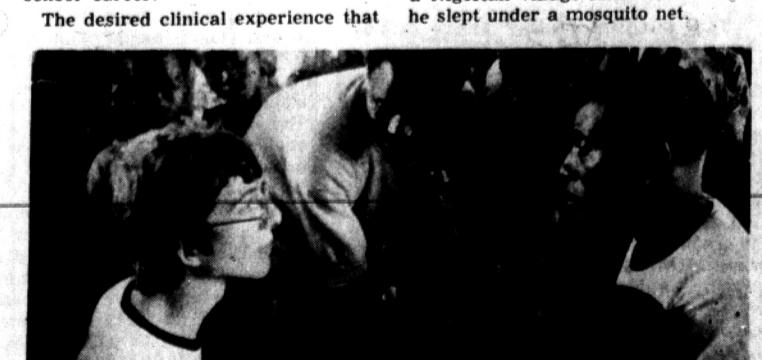
It all began almost two years ago when, as a student at the University of Southern Mississippi, he met Dr. John McFadden, a pediatrician.

McFadden, who served as a special project doctor at Eku a few years ago, was appointed as a career missionary with his wife, and they are now living in Eku. While working together to the missionary about the possibility of a trip to Africa during his school career.

The desired clinical experience that

brought him to the bush of Africa began almost as soon as he arrived. The tall, soft-spoken young man became the constant companion and understudy of Dr. McFadden, which meant few idle moments. McGee saw clinic patients, assisted in surgery, made rounds on the wards with the busy physician and even took night call with Dr. McFadden. This meant long hours of emergencies that usually required surgery. He became familiar with neonatal tetanus, cerebral malaria and kawashikor, which few doctors in the United States have seen.

In addition to the hospital work, he accompanied Dr. McFadden on three bush clinics to give immunization. One such clinic was held at Gbokoda, about 100 miles from Eku, where Nigerian Baptists have recently begun missionary work. Located close to the mouth of the Benin River, Gbokoda is accessible only by boat. This was the first time McGee slept and ate in a Nigerian village and the first time he slept under a mosquito net.



Medical Student Visits Eku Baptist Hospital — A pastor and his child are cared for in a bush clinic by George McGee, a medical student studying in Africa this summer with Southern Baptist missionaries at Eku Baptist Hospital. McGee returns this fall to his medical education at the University of Mississippi School of Medicine. (Photo by Barbara T. McCoy)

Morrison Heights Church, Clinton To Dedicate New Sanctuary And Organ

October 6 will be an important date in the history of Morrison Heights Church, Clinton. On that Sunday, the congregation will dedicate their new sanctuary, occupied earlier this year, and new organ.

For the morning service at 10:30, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, of Jackson, will be guest speaker. Dr. Hudgins, now retired, was formerly executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

At 7:30 in the evening, a film will be shown — a special presentation on the erection of the building, produced by Robert Wall. Mr. Wall, member of the Mississippi College faculty and a member of Morrison Heights Church, is a master craftsman in the art of photography and in the art of film production. This newest presentation on the building of a church sanctuary, from start to finish, promises to be a highlight of October 6.



Rev. Mrs. Herbert Retta, daughters Liz and Becky.



Mrs. J. H. Street

Mrs. John I. Jacobs

Baptist Young Women's Retreat Set For Garaywa Oct. 18-19

A retreat for Baptist Young Women will be held at Camp Garaywa, October 18-19. The BYW Retreat is for all young women either married or single. The two day retreat will provide fun, fellowship, missions information and Bible study.

Some of the program highlights will include: Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Retta, telling of their ministry among the Spanish speaking people in Mississippi, Mrs. Jean Jacobs, missionary to Guyana, who will tell of her work in Guyana, Mrs. J. H. Street, who will lead the group in Bible study, Mrs. Martha Nelson who will review her book, *The Christian Woman in the Working World*, and Mrs. Wilda Fancher who will review her book, *The Christian Woman in the Christian Home*. Mrs. Frank Lay will lead the music.

The BYW Retreat begins Friday afternoon, October 18 with registration at 6:00. Supper will be served at 7:30 p.m. with the evening service beginning at 7:30. The Saturday morning session begins at 8:45. The BYW

Glorieta Conference Center Taking Applications For '75

Every year, June thru Labor Day, Glorieta Baptist Conference Center is used by the various agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention for conferences, training and inspiration. Making the summer session possible is the Conference Center's Summer Staff.

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EDITORIAL

Baptist Business—A Democratic Process

Baptist denominational work is done through elected boards and committees, chosen by messengers to the regular conventions of the denominational bodies. It truly is a democratic process, and history reveals that some of the ideas which finally were written into the United States constitution, came, through Thomas Jefferson, from a Baptist church which was located near his home in Virginia. Jefferson liked the way that Baptists handled their business, and felt that some of these democratic ideas would help establish a stable government for the nation. They did.

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention has been in session this week in Nashville, Tenn. The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board will meet next Monday at the Baptist Building in Jackson. Both are examples of Baptist democracy at work.

The SBC Executive Committee holds three regular meetings each year, one in September, one in February, and

one in connection with the annual meeting of the convention. A special session to elect officers is held at the close of the annual convention.

The membership of the executive committee is comprised of both preachers and lay people, representing all sectors of the convention. Of course, it does not handle all convention business, since institutions and agencies have their own boards, commissions or committees. However, the executive committee largely is the convention in interim, as far as general convention affairs are concerned. The sessions are open meetings, so that any Southern Baptist can sit in, and listen to the discussion and watch the action. Visitors sometimes even enter into the discussions and make their views known. Full reports of the meetings are released to the press, so that the whole convention constituency, and even the world at large, may be fully informed about convention affairs.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board also has three regular meetings

each year, one in September, one just prior to the state convention, and one after the convention. Special meetings may be called when they are needed. The major meeting is the one in September, since this is the time when the budget and other programs and plans for the new year are readied for recommendation to the state convention in its November session. This is the meeting which is set for next Monday.

Usually the convention board is able to do all of its work in one day, even at the September meeting which has the heaviest agenda. This meeting is open to all Baptists who care to attend. The sessions are in the chapel at the Baptist building.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention Board is comprised of 100 members, one from each of the 76 district associations in the state, and 24 at large members. In choosing the "at large" members the constitution requires that not more than four board members be elected from any one association. This gives a very broad representation. This board is entrusted with the general work of the convention, but does not have control of the institutions and agencies, since they are under separate boards, also elected by the convention.

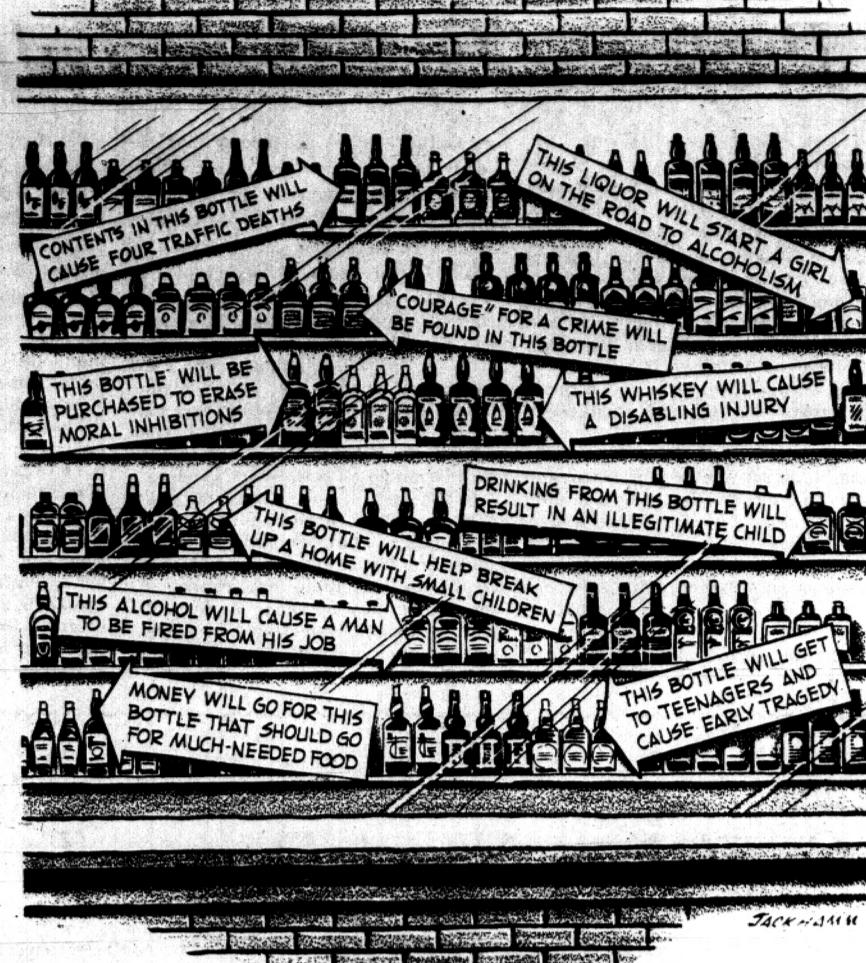
Next week's meeting of the board is a very important one since the budget for 1975 will be considered, and some changes in organization and procedures will be discussed. The major items already have been publicized through the Baptist Record, and all actions of the board will be fully reported in the Record.

Mississippi Baptist and Southern Baptist business is handled in as democratic a manner as is possible in fellowships as large as these conventions are. Obviously it would be impossible for a convention of 35,000 churches and 12,000,000 members, or even a state convention of 1890 churches and 570,000 members, to handle all business directly. Authority must be delegated to smaller groups for carrying on the work. This is done through the election of boards, commissions and committees by the annual meetings of the conventions. These conventions are made up of messengers sent from the churches. The governing bodies are thus responsible to the conventions which chose them, and the conventions are responsible to the churches.

There is no hierarchy in Baptist affairs. Control begins in the grassroots, and final control remains there. All boards and agencies, and all institutional and agency personnel, are responsible to the conventions, and, in the long run, to the churches from which the convention messengers came.

If we use a pyramid to illustrate the Baptist plan of action, the control is at the bottom which would represent the churches, and not at the top where elected leaders would be. This is Baptist democracy. It works for us, and we need no other plan.

If you wish to see democracy at work for Mississippi Baptists we suggest that you attend the board meeting in Jackson next Monday.



If One Could But Foresee



A Woman's World Reaches Far Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilde Fancher

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Charismatics Lead The Way, Writer Says

Dear Editor:

It was with great joy that I read your editorial, "Are We on the Winning Side?" — but not for the reason you may think!

You recognized charismatic groups along with other Pentecostals as enjoying a growth. Remarkable.

Gentlemen, the Full Gospel groups are sweeping our nation. People hunger for the power of actually knowing the fulfilling of the Holy Spirit.

How long will our dear Southern Baptists continue to look the other way?

I search each issue of your paper for a breakthrough into the recognition that this is truly the era when the Holy Spirit is revealing himself in all his glorious fullness. Praise God.

Thank you kindly for listening to this charismatic Baptist.

Virginia Bonner
Poplarville, MS.

Challenges "Criteria" Of "Winning" Editorial

Dear Dr. Odie:

Your editorial of September 12 presented good case for the assertion that conservative churches are on the "winning" side of the liberal-conservative conflict. Your argument was well substantiated by measures of "winning" which we can all understand — numbers and dollars. Using such criteria it is impossible to quarrel with your conclusions.

Those who call themselves "conservative" should be willing to evaluate their positions in light of the Bible. Therefore, can you give me any justification for your criterion of "winning" that will stand the test you so often apply to others, namely, "What does the Bible say?" Specifically, can you cite me passages in the gospels where it can be implied that Jesus considered numbers and/or dollars as a test of His effectiveness? On the contrary, numerous passages could be cited at which it is clear that He knew "success" and "winning" were out of context in His ministry.

Your editorial reminded me of nothing so much as propaganda which is defined as "using whatever means necessary to damage another's cause." However, in your zeal you damaged your own cause. Bible-centered conservatism must of necessity be based on the Bible.

If I were to follow your criteria for judging the success of a movement, I would immediately join the Mormons. They are growing at a faster rate than any of the groups mentioned in your editorial. Please try to respect the intelligence of your readers in future editorials.

Larry Maples
Starkville, MS.

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NEWEST BOOKS

THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY by Vance Havner (Revell, 128 pp., \$4.95) One of Southern Baptists' and America's most beloved preachers, evangelists and writers, Dr. Vance Havner, opens his heart to tell of his own personal experiences during the terminal illness and death of his companion of many years. In his own unique way Dr. Havner opens his heart to the reader. One lives again with him some of the joys of the many happy years of his marriage, but also feels the pain and heartache as he saw the beloved one waste away. The questions of the Christian heart, the doubts and fears, all are there, but also the shining faith, and the complete rest upon the promises of God. The loneliness and emptiness of the days following her passing is revealed, but also the strength of God's Word and God's presence are just as strongly shown. Both those who have walked through this same valley, and those who yet face it, will find strength and guidance in these precious pages.

THE CHURCH CHRIST APPROVES by James T. Draper, Jr. (Broadman, 128 pp., \$3.95) The Associate Pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, the man who walks side by side with Dr. Criswell, presents a series of sermons on the church. The thesis is that a church needs only to be what the Lord Jesus Christ wants it to be. With His approval, nothing else matters. He begins by showing that a church is not a building, a program, or an organization but a people. He discusses many of the things which trouble churches of today, but also shows the things the church must have and do to meet the Lord's approval.

EVELYN DUVAL'S HANDBOOK FOR PARENTS by Evelyn Mills Duvall (Broadman, 128 pp., \$4.95) A book which should take its place with some of the best-sellers on child care. Dr. Duvall is one of the most highly-respected persons in the family life and child development fields today. She has authored many books but this may be one

of the best. In 16 splendid chapters she deals with the responsibilities of parenthood and with almost every type of problem the parent can face. How to teach, guide, train, get through to, discipline, and in other ways deal with children, both small and older, are frankly and wisely discussed. Parents will find many answers to their problems here.

A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE CRUSADE by Lee Fisher (Creation House, 192 pp., \$4.95) A compilation of funny things which have happened in connection with the life and ministry of Evangelist Billy Graham. Here are humorous incidents which have occurred during the crusades and other ministries through the years. They will give you a view of some of the lighter moments in these great spiritual experiences, but also shows something of the human side of the participants. These are stories about people whose names are on lips around the world. They will give numerous relaxing minutes of enjoyment.

NEHEMIAH FOR US NOW by S. E. Anderson (Fundamental Publishers, Glenwood, Ill. 60425, 172 pp., paper, \$1.95) A careful study of the book of Nehemiah, presented in a series of 13 challenging, inspiring sermons. The author presents Nehemiah as a God-called, successful leader, whose methods for doing an important God-given task, can well be a pattern for our doing the tasks God has assigned to us today. Building churches today, is much like the building of the walls which Nehemiah accomplished so long ago. The little book comes alive under the pen of Dr. Anderson, and brings a challenge to do a better job in God's work today. Preacher and layman alike will be blessed by this book.

BRING THEM IN by Bob Harrington (Broadman, 128 pp., \$4.95) The passion of Bob Harrington, the "Chaplain of Bourbon Street" is to bring men, women and young people to Jesus Christ. These are Bible based messages which present a clear interpretation of the Word, but fill it with experience after

experience from the life and ministry of this colorful minister whom God is using in such a broad way. The book is filled with many photographs of the evangelist on Bourbon Street and across America. This is a personal testimony of how people in many walks of life can be led to Christ.

DID GENESIS MAN CONQUER SPACE? by Emil Gaverlik and Jack Hamm (Thomas Nelson Inc., 192 pp., paper, \$2.95) The text is by Dr. Gaverlik and the book is profusely illustrated with cartoon drawings by the widely known religious artist, Jack Hamm. This is one of the most intriguing and fascinating books this reviewer has seen. The author raises questions concerning the type of civilization men could develop when the life span reaches upward toward a thousand years. Using amazing mysterious landmarks and architectural works which predate the flood, he shows that the civilization must have reached a very high state. For example, how does one explain the pyramids? Furthermore was there communication with civilizations from out in space? Historic relics and records indicate that there may have been. The author looks at the past, and at the ruler which sin brought to the world. He also looks at the present, and at the future. All his findings are interpreted on the basis of belief in the revelation of the Word, and the work of an Almighty God. He sees the Second Coming of Christ and events related to it as revealed in the Bible, as a solution to the problems not only for the world, but also for the universe. This is an amazing book, and a startling one. The reader may not agree with all of the ideas or conclusions found here but it will bring to his mind things probably never thought of, or not known, and may open up a whole new understanding of some of the

IF GOD IS GOD by Richard Edwin Koenig (Tyndale, paper \$1.25) Dialogs with college students prompted this volume on faith, doubt, love, etc. If God is God, why are certain things going on. The author answers

many times until they news or whatever with us. And they can always be sure that we are "in the den" — no matter how many miles away their life's steps may take them.

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THE COLLEGE AND CAREER CHOIR OF FIRST CHURCH, NEW ALBANY, recently presented a concert, and have sung in several churches this summer. The music director is Robert Gray and Rev. William F. Evans is the pastor.



THE YOUTH CHOIR OF FIRST CHURCH, BALDWYN, recently returned from touring Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, and Florida. The choir presented the musical "Priority", under direction of Gary Cornett, minister of music and youth. Rev. Leo Barker is pastor.



THE YOUTH CHOIR OF FIRST, EUPORA, has returned from a tour of the St. Louis, Missouri, area. They sang in six churches: Fee Fee, Crestwood, Parker Rd., Hanley Hills, Tower Grove, and First Church, Union, Missouri. They presented their home concert on August 11, under direction of Mrs. Loye Stephens, minister of music. Accompanists for the group include Mrs. W. S. Stewart, piano; Turner Shaw, drums; and Bob Ray, guitar. Rev. William Stewart is pastor.

Change Is Simple, Profound In Spanish Teen-Ager's Life

By Mrs. Charles W. Whitten

DENIA, Spain — I had known him all of his life but was totally unprepared for the Pablo that came to camp here in 1972.

He was a handsome teen-ager with fashionable long hair and intense brown eyes. His brother, two years older, was so good that it seemed Pablo was determined to be just the opposite. He was in the exact center of every problem. He was the soul of every painful or damaging prank. He led the younger children to disobey rules and then laughed at it.

When talked to about his behavior, he sat like a stone and replied not a word. By his actions and the set of his jaw, he made it perfectly clear that he was much too smart to "go" for the activities the camp offered.

The camp staff, of which I was the director, tried everything and then some, but camp ended with a tremendous sense of frustration about Pablo. We had him at camp but didn't reach him. I was among the first to breathe a sigh of relief when I saw him get on the bus and head for home.

I tried not to think of it as a personal failure or to consider Pablo a hopeless case. But it hurt and that hurt stayed with me a long time.

I didn't go to camp in 1973 because I was in the States on furlough. But August 1974 found me back, this time as associate director and teacher. I was particularly pleased that in 1974 each room was to have an older teenager as a counselor. We parked the car beside the swimming pool and coming toward us was a counselor who looked and walked in such a familiar way that was startled. No, it couldn't be Pablo. I tried to get control of myself so Pablo wouldn't notice. "Somebody must be out of their mind," I thought. "Pablo will ruin everything."

But a counselor he was, and a good one. He worked all day long and on

into the night with the boys in his room. He was the lifeguard; he led music; he organized sports; he gave devotionals; and he was loving and kind, yet strong in his convictions.

He was the inspiration of the week, especially to those who knew him in 1972.

Pablo was different because in his words, "I had a real experience with the Lord."

That simple and that profound.

Youth Camps In Denia, Spain

The Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of Spain conducted camps for its various youth missionary organizations at Baptist assembly grounds in Denia during August.

A total of more than 100 more people participated. Theme for each of the camps was "Let your light so shine."

Mrs. Esther Borras, who is in charge of national Baptist WMU youth activities, directed the camps. She was assisted by a staff of Spanish nationals and missionaries.

In evangelistic services, thirty young people made public profession of faith, while others indicated dedication of life to divine purpose. (EBPS)

World Problems

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sinus blockage,
and hate.

The world has answers—

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Ex Lax,
Serutan,
Dristan Nasal Mist.
—Mark Leggett

Woodlawn Youth Mission Results

In 326 Professions Of Faith

THE ANSWER of Woodlawn Church, Vicksburg, has returned home from a mission trip to Tamaqua, Pa. THE ANSWER was a selected group of youth, specially trained for teaching the Bible, surveying, witnessing, and concert singing, designed to lay the ground work for a Baptist Mission in Tamaqua.

Accompanied by eight sponsors, THE ANSWER traveled in excess of 3,000 miles in eleven days, and witnessed 326 professions of faith in Christ. It was the most moving and phenomenal experience of any ever

remembered by the youth.

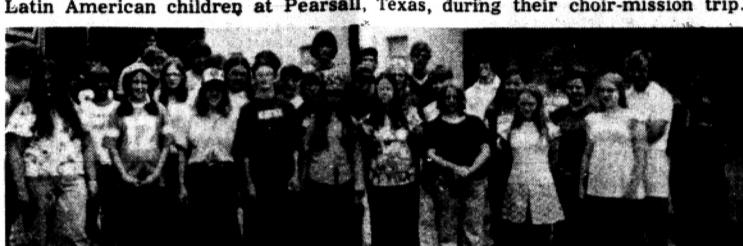
Floods of letters continue to "pour in," "begging" the youth to return. The success of the mission trip has set the stage for a return trip to Tamaqua August 4, 1975. The Keystone Baptist Association's Superintendent, Otho W. Womble, of Mechanicsburg, Pa., is now spearheading the founding of a Tamaqua Mission.

"Praise our Lord, again, and again," says Gary Y. Hodges, minister of music youth.

Rev. Paul Brooks is pastor at Woodlawn.



Young people from Prentiss Church conducted Vacation Bible Schools for Latin American children at Pearsall, Texas, during their choir-mission trip.



THE W.E.B. SINGERS, youth choir from West Ellisville Church, are shown during a stop on their tour to five states: Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, and Tennessee. The highlights were a visit to the Cummins Prison Farm in Arkansas, experiencing the Passion Play in Eureka Springs, visiting Parchman Prison in Mississippi, and giving a concert at Ruleville Church. The choir sang the musical "Lightshine." On August 18, they sang at West Ellisville Church. The minister of music is Harrel Wilcox. The pastor is Rev. Hueston Adkins.



"THE LIVING SPIRIT" YOUTH CHORUS OF BELLE FOUNTAIN CHURCH, OCEAN SPRINGS, toured Kansas, Arkansas, and Louisiana, singing in seven churches there and later presenting concerts at Tylertown and in their home church. Twenty-four young people and seven adults went on the church bus. Rev. C. H. Stone is pastor; Kenneth Perry is music director.

Missionary-pastor Chuck Clayton talks to youngsters attending VBS at First Baptist Church, Kings Beach, Calif. The church is just five blocks from Lake Tahoe.



"THE ANSWER" of Woodlawn, Vicksburg, went to Tamaqua, Pa., where a new mission is to be founded largely as a result of their visit.



THE IUKA SINGERS have returned to Iuka, from a choir tour which took them as far west as Grand Canyon Arizona. The young people, their chaperones and their music director, Jerry Swimmer, performed in Memphis, Tennessee; Salina, Oklahoma; Frisco, Texas; Gallup, New Mexico; Farmington, New Mexico; Pueblo, Colorado; Dodge City, Kansas; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Joplin, Missouri; and Dresden, Tennessee. There were approximately seventeen professions of faith and numerous rededications. This is the fourth year of tour for the Iuka Singers. The Mayor of Iuka, John Biggs, and the Board of Alderman proclaimed the Iuka Singers to be Good Will Ambassadors representing their city.



SHAW YOUTH CHOIR visited the Baptist Building on August 6. They are pictured in the office of the Baptist Record (Dr. Joe Odie, editor, is at far right). Rev. Eugene Wigley is the Shaw pastor.



Today's Youth

Prentiss Youth Help In River Ministries

25 Professions Of Faith On Parents' Night At VBS

On August 2, thirty-six young people from the Prentiss Church, along with seven adult sponsors, left for a ten-day choir-mission trip to Pearsall, Texas, fifty miles south of San Antonio.

This was the second year the group has gone to Pearsall to conduct Vacation Bible Schools for Latin American children, in Baptists' river ministries program there. An estimated 180 to 200 Latin American children were present for the Bible schools taught by the Prentiss youth group. Of the 25 professions of faith made on Parents' Night at VBS, ten were adults.

The effort, called "Mission '74," came after several months of preparation by choir and sponsors, under direction of Jim Hannaford, music and youth director, and Kathryn

Price, preschool and children's director.

Enroute to Pearsall, the choir sang at Spring Woods Church, Houston, Texas. While in Pearsall they worked in three separate Vacation Bible Schools. Also they sang at First Church, Pearsall; the Latin American Mission of Pearsall; and Hot Wells Church, San Antonio. Their sightseeing trips included San Antonio, Nuevo Laredo, and AstroWorld.

The four lady sponsors were cooks for the trip, and both youth and sponsors used the facilities of First Church, Pearsall for sleeping.

They returned to Prentiss Church on August 11 in time to present slides and music at the evening service. Rev. Bob Sheffield, Prentiss pastor, went with the group on the tour.

Ford's Son, Seminary Student, Offered Prayer For His Father

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — Michael Ford, the 24-year-old son of President Ford who is studying at an evangelical seminary near Boston, offered a prayer at the weekly House Prayer Breakfast in the Capitol, two days before his father became President.

In the latter portion of his prayer, Michael prayed for the then Vice President, whom "You have called to a tremendously demanding task at a turbulent and critical time in history.

"Our Vice President," he continued, "brings to this most important position so many wonderful qualities of leadership and service, but it is only through Thy grace that these special gifts in this man might work together in a way so as to have a positive impact on the lives around him.

"It is our prayer, Lord, that You

would bless him with discernment and good judgment as he seeks to faithfully carry out the many responsibilities laid before him.

"Protect him and keep him strong in spirit, mind and body throughout all his days — the trials, the tests, the temptations before him. Grant him the courage to trust in You always and not in the things of this world. Work in his heart the desire to seek Your guidance and direction in all things.

"And, Lord, we pray most humbly that Your Holy Spirit, which reveals all truth and which gives all life, may dwell in him, and also in us — that we together as Your faithful children may walk in Thy ways and glorify Thy name."

Earlier in his prayer, the Gordon

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Letter From Ridgecrest

"I Have A Rose To Tell You"

Reprinted from 'Weekly Messenger,' FBC, Grenada
"One Norwood Drive,
Chase City, VA 23924
Dr. John Lee Taylor, Pastor
First Baptist Church
Grenada, Mississippi

Dear Dr. Taylor:

We were helping in the Week of Foreign Missions at Ridgecrest. We are missionaries to Belgium, returning this month after a year here.

I have "a rose to tell you" with regard to your youth group.

They contributed magnificently to the worship experiences of the Assembly and we deeply appreciated their talent and their performance. However, I was made aware in a moving way that their idea of living the Christian life finds practical means of expression. On Thursday afternoon I took our huge accumulation of dirty laundry, put together by our family of five during the week, to the tiny laundromat just down the road. I had my two-year-old with me "helping" in her own distracting way. One of

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THE SON WORSHIPERS, youth choir from First, Greenville, have returned from an eleven-day mission trip to Miami. Seventy members of the choir made the tour, accompanied by four couples. Activities included concerts in Florida and a three-day youth revival in Birming



MAIN SINGERS, college-age singers and instrumentalists, have returned from a tour through Alabama, Tennessee, South Carolina, and Georgia. Following the tour, they gave their home concert at Main Street Church, Hat

South Carolina; and eighth Avenue, Meridian. Instrumentalists are Kenny Butler, Don Clark, and Donald Wayne Lowery. The group is under direction of Robert H. Jones, minister of music at Main Street. Dr. John E. Barnes, Jr. is pastor.

God Unifies His People, In A New Land

By William J. Fallis.

Joshua 24

Joshua is the third of the four personalities we are studying in Israel's early history who showed by their leadership how "The Living God Seeks Man" — the theme of this quarter. He was the fighter to whom Moses turned to defeat Amalek before the children of Israel reached Sinai. He was one of the two spies who brought an encouraging report from their tour of Canaan. They trusted God more than they feared the giants in the land. Joshua was eventually chosen to succeed Moses as leader when the people prepared to enter the Promised Land. From Jericho his fame as a general spread through the countryside. Throughout life, Joshua lived up to the faith found in the meaning of his name: "The Lord is salvation."

The Lesson Explained

Joshua Reviews Israeli's Background

Verses 1-7

This is an important chapter for understanding Israelite religion because it pictures the act of covenant

renewal. This covenant relationship had begun between God and Abraham, and it had been renewed dramatically at Sinai, with all the people. It included the obligations of both God and the people, but it emphasized what God would do.

Joshua gathered the leaders (perhaps six from each tribe) at Shechem, the site of Abraham's first altar in Canaan (Gen. 12:8). By the words "presented themselves before God" we know it was a meeting with a religious purpose. In that context, Joshua spoke for "the Lord God of Israel" in recounting the great events in which God had guided and delivered the people. Selecting Abraham from a family which "served other gods" revealed God's grace. Sending Moses to contend with Pharaoh and letting the sea engulf the Egyptians showed God's power. All that he had done surely should convince the Israelites that God cared for them and had in mind something great for them to accomplish.

Joshua Calls For Commitment

Verses 14-15

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The third element in the ancient covenant ceremony was the call to commitment. A similar covenant form has been found in writings from another ancient nation — this covenant between a ruler and his vassal. Joshua was calling on the leaders of the people to reaffirm their loyalty to God. They were to repeat the promise of their fathers to "serve him in sincerity" and to renounce all other gods. Joshua was a realist; he knew how strong was the influence of pagan religion from one generation to the next. Some families had agreed to worship the Lord, especially when facing some great danger, but they still would not trust him only. Joshua gave them the right to choose the Lord or the various gods, but his challenge left no middle ground. He concluded with his clear and unequivocating testimony: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

The Nation's Pledge In A New Land

Verse 24

though they were reciting a memorized answer, Joshua would not accept it but told them how dangerous it would be to violate any easy pledge to the Lord. When the leaders insisted on their intention, Joshua dared them to prove it by discarding their household gods. They may have burned or buried the images, but Joshua believed them when they said, "The Lord our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey."

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"Navy Sabbath" To Be Observed

In The State Sunday, Oct. 13

Sunday, October 13, will be "Navy Sabbath" according to announcement by Commander Roy D. Caves of Jackson, a National Vice President of the Naval Reserve Association. The weekend Oct. 11-13 is being observed as Navy Sabbath 1974 all across the nation, and "men and women of all faiths are being asked to pray for peace and for our sons and daughters in the Navy and Marine Corps whose responsibility — above all others — is to preserve the peace."

The theme this year is "Peace Is A Shared Task." Commander Caves said that the purpose of the Navy Sabbath is to seek spiritual support for the Navy-Marine Corps team and their families.

This year's theme symbolizes the inseparable fact, that in today's world, realization of peace requires that the United States maintain a strong and effective armed force, Commander Caves added.

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"PEACE IS A SHARED TASK"

Peace — there is no word that appeals more to the deepest needs of man than this. It has been said that peace is the happy, natural state of human existence. With it, all the blessings that a benevolent Creator has bestowed on His creation, may be enjoyed to the fullest. Without it, life is filled with fear, pain and uncertainty.

This weekend, October 11-13, Navy Sabbath 1974 is being observed across our great nation, and men and women of all faiths are being asked to pray for peace and for our sons and daughters in the Navy and Marine Corps whose responsibility — above all others — is to preserve the peace.

"To be prepared for war," George Washington said, "is one of the most effective means of preserving peace." That is why those who serve often sacrifice so much to defend their country: not to make war, but to preserve peace.

In our world not all men believe in justice, equality and freedom. Many believe in force, tyranny and the oppression of others. Our Navy and Marine Corps exist so that those who would make war will hesitate to do so because of our strength.

But those at lonely outposts, beneath the seas in submarines, or sailing the raging oceans cannot do the job alone. For peace is a shared task — only possible when we all strive for it and recognize it as our goal.

Navy Sabbath "A Time To Re-

member" can remind us how much we need each other and how much your prayers to God are needed by those who give so much in our Navy and Marine Corps.

Prayer — ultimately — is an act of love and could, therefore, change the world.

Black Named As Department Head

MEMPHIS — Frank A. Black, an employee of the Brotherhood Commission for 19 years, has been elected director of the Royal Ambassador Division's Crusader Department.

Mr. Black was elected at the annual meeting of the agency's trustees to succeed Clayton Gilbert who resigned and became associate pastor and educational director of First Baptist Church, Alexander City, Alabama.

As director of the Crusader Department, Mr. Black will lead in providing guidance for 125,842 boys 6-11 in Crusader Royal Ambassador chapters throughout the United States.

Mr. Black, 55, has been involved in boys' programs for more than 20 years, first as a Boy Scout executive and later with the Commission.

Mr. Black was born in Calhoun County, Mississippi and attended the University of Mississippi. He received a bachelor of science degree from Bowling Green Business College, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

He is the author of Royal Ambassador Campercraft, and Page, Squire, and Knight advancement books.



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Devotional

Christian Joy

By Odean W. Puckett, Pastor, First, Natchez

John 15:11

Clarence W. Crawford tells the story of a boy playing in the barn who found an old-fashioned ox yoke. He dragged it out of the barn and slipped one end of the yoke over the head of a younger heifer. Then he put his own head through the other end of the yoke as a joke. But it wasn't funny to the heifer; and the heifer kicked up its heels, took off across the barnyard dragging the boy with it. He held on for dear life, callin' got as loudly as he could. "Dad, come and catch us, we're runnin' away!"

Often, we find ourselves yoked to a world that is running away and trying to drag us with it. Never before has there been so much permissiveness and immorality. We have been told that the way to joy and happiness is to throw off restraint and do what comes naturally.

Even some Christians have a suspicion that they are missing a lot of fun in life. This is one of Satan's most subtle real joys. Those who live in sin are the saddest people on earth. The really happy people are those who live for God He alone gives meaning and purpose to life.

A Christian life without joy is not a Christian life at all. Jesus said, "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full" (John 15:11).

The Christian has in his life that which the world cannot give or take away. And though health and wealth be removed, the Christian still has his most important possession, his faith in God. Even if his life is taken, the Christian has the joy of heaven awaiting. Herein is joy unspeakable.



New Faculty At Carey College

Seven new full-time faculty additions to the Carey College roster pose above during recent administration-faculty planning sessions. From left, front row: Dr. John Mack Welford, assistant professor of education and psychology; William T. Rivero, instructor of education and psychology; Miss Lucille Parker, associate professor of art and chairman of the art department; Cleaman Downs, assistant professor of music; and Dr. William Buffkin, associate professor of music education. Standing, from left: Mrs. Lillian Leasale, assistant dean of the school of nursing and clinical nursing instructor; and Miss Nancy Kaye Braddock, assistant professor of medical-surgical nursing. Other part-time faculty will be announced at a later date.

Hensleys Are State Representatives For Marriage Enrichment

Dr. and Mrs. J. Clark Hensley of Jackson have received appointment as Mississippi representatives for the Association of Couples for Marriage Enrichment by the founders and acting presidents, Dr. David and Vera Mace.

Dr. and Mrs. Hensley will attend the first national conference on marriage enrichment to be held in St. Louis in October. They have participated in a number of marriage enrichment retreats in Mississippi the past year and will be co-leader of the retreat to be held in Meridian in October and on the Gulf Coast in February.

Following these retreats for pastors and other church leaders, along with their wives, they expect to turn their attention to conducting retreats for lay people from the churches of the state of Mississippi.

The primary purpose of this appointment as Mississippi representatives for ACME is to encourage couples to "work for better marriages, beginning with their own."

Dr. and Mrs. Mace have recently written a book entitled "We Can Have Better Marriages If We Really Want Them" that sets forth the purposes of the Association of Couples for Marriage Enrichment. The Maces are known throughout the world for their work in marriage guidance and family relations and this new thrust for marriage enrichment is the culmination of a lifetime of effort in interest and concern for the family.

While ACME is primarily for couples, an auxiliary membership category, ACME Associates, is designed for individuals who believe in the purposes of ACME and wish to support these purposes but are not in position to join on a couples basis. This would include unmarried professionals whose work involves dealing with married couples or divorced persons.

Those who are interested in ACME or the marriage enrichment retreats may address Dr. and Mrs. Hensley at P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

Salem (Lauderdale) Dedicates Pews

The Salem Baptist Church of Lauderdale Association recently held dedication services for new olive colored fully cushioned pews for the sanctuary choir and pulpit pews and stand at the cost of \$4,000.00. The pews were paid for by the faithful giving of the



Calvary, Newton Dedicates Center

Calvary Church in Newton observed the dedication of its Family Life Center on Sunday, Sept. 15. Rev. Cliff Estes, Jr., pastor, has been the leader in the continual growth of the ministry of the church. (Photo by M. Hollingsworth)

More Family Life Conferences Scheduled

The Rocky Creek Church of Lauderdale, Sonny Adkins, pastor, will hold a family life conference Sept. 27-29. The North McComb Church, Joe H. Ratcliff, pastor, will hold a family life enrichment revival Oct. 6-9; and Highland Church, Meridian, Rev. Ralph Graves, pastor, will also hold a family life enrichment revival Nov. 3-6. All three of these meetings will be conducted by Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director, Christian Action Commission.

I Have A Rose - - -

(Continued From Page 5) the young men in your group—and I regret I didn't learn his name—came over to me as I loaded the machines and asked if he might loan me some detergent since he had noticed the coin machine which dispenses soap powder was out of stock. As it happened, I had detergent in my laundry bag and didn't need to use his, but I was deeply touched by his generosity and by his caring attitude which indicated eyes open and watching for needs he might supply.

I like to think that he is an example of that attitude in all your youth.

Much is heard of the bothersome and hurtful antics of some youth today. I am thankful to our God for those who are among his disciples in the world today seeking ways to serve Him by serving fellow human beings.

Very sincerely,
Mrs. R. M. Wood"

members as announced by the pastor, Rev. Jerry R. McMullen.

Southern Seminary Library Joins Regional Cataloging Project

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — The James P. Boyce Centennial Library, located on the campus of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has become a leader among seminary libraries through the joining of a computerized library cataloging project which in-

cludes major research and university libraries throughout the Southeast.

Known as SOLINET (Southeastern Library Network), the Atlanta-based system links some 100 member schools to a central computer which will have the catalog listing of every item entered in each of the system's libraries.

The program was initiated by funds totaling \$250,000. SOLINET recently received a \$600,000 grant from the Mellon Foundation, making it one of the most viable of all such cooperatives in the country.

The seminary library will be connected to the computer by long-distance telephone lines. Library personnel in Louisville will have access to the holdings of all other libraries merely by punching an appropriate code on a key board terminal located in the library.

Southern's library, represented by director Ronald Deering, was a charter member of SOLINET and will be one of six seminaries in the Southeastern United States which will have access to the program's facilities.

During the initial years of the program SOLINET will be connected to the nationally renowned Ohio College Library Center in Columbus, Ohio.

Wahalak (Kemper) Reports Activities

Wahalak Church in Kemper County had a week-end revival Sept. 13-15. Rev. Harold Harris, pastor of the First Church, Stonewall, was the evangelist.

The church has started Wednesday night prayer meeting at 7:30. Everyone is invited.

On Sept. 18th, Miss Thelma James, Louin, showed slides on a tour she took in Russia in June. Rev. Ronnie W. Bullard, pastor.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Salem Church (Lauderdale Association): Rev. Ronnie Estes, evangelist; Rev. Jerry R. McMullen, pastor; 63 decisions; 2 by profession of faith, one by letter and 60 rededications.

Crowder Church, (Quitman): Aug. 18-23; Rev. Gerald Buckley, preacher; J. B. Betts, singer; 1 by letter, 7 professions of faith, and 13 dedication decisions. Rev. Truman D. Scarborough, pastor.

Petal-Harvey Church, Petal: Sept. 22-26; Rev. Jerry Passmore, pastor of Olive Church, Pensacola, Fla., evangelist; Gary Hodges, Woodlawn Church, Vicksburg, singer; Rev. Jerry Henderson, pastor.

Illinois Baptists Top \$1 Million Giving Mark

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (BP) — Statewide Cooperative Program unified budget receipts from Southern Baptist churches in Illinois have reached \$1 million at the earliest point ever in the Illinois Baptist State Association's history.

As of August 29, contributions to the state's Cooperative Program totaled \$1,002,622. The budget year closes December 31, and contributions must reach \$1,650,000 to meet the state's budget. Illinois contributions have topped \$1 million for the fifth consecutive year.

Dinner will be served on the grounds, and at 1:00 or 1:30 p.m. the special program will begin, directed by the pastor, Rev. John L. Gainer.

There will be a brief reading of the church history, along with one or more gospel singing groups. For those who enjoy congregational singing, an opportunity for you to sing will be offered.

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Sanctuary Of First, McComb Nears Completion

The new pastoral staff is pictured in front of the new sanctuary of the First Church of McComb, which is still under construction. Completion of the building has been scheduled for shortly after the first of the year, 1975. From left: Gary Anglin, minister of music and youth; Dr. J. B. Fowler, pastor; and Rev. Harold Fleming, minister of education.



President's Tea For New Students

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Revival Dates

West Side, Macon: September 22-28; Rev. Walton Douglas, pastor of First Church, Helena, Jackson County, evangelist; Johnny Ebanks, music director of Zion Church, Pontotoc County, music evangelist; Mrs. Mary Nell Gill, First, Macon, pianist; services at 11 a.m. Sunday and 7:30 nightly; Rev. Kenneth Overby, pastor.

Bowmar Avenue, Vicksburg: Sept. 22-29; Rev. Larry Taylor, San Antonio, Texas, evangelist; Wayne Ward, church staff, directing music; evening services at 7:30; Rev. Harold Jordan, pastor.

Lebanon Association in Forrest County: "Spiritual" Revival; Immanuel Church, Hattiesburg; Sept. 27; Don and Bob Evangelistic Team; Mrs. D. C. Ware, Pianist; Services 7:30 p.m. daily; S. B. Boyett, pastor.

Pearl, Eastside Church: Sept. 22-27; Sunday services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; week days, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Perry Neal, pastor, Eastdale Church, Montgomery, Ala., evangelist; Tom Laramore, full-time music evangelist, directing the music; Rev. Howard Benton, pastor.

If you get to the end of your rope, tie a knot in it and hang on.

Opportunity isn't as rare as the ability to recognize it.

The school of experience grants no diplomas.

Broadmoor, Gulfport Calls Stanley File

Broadmoor Church, Gulfport, is happy to announce that on Sept. 1 Dr. Stanley A. File accepted the call to become pastor of the church.

Though Gulfport is his home, Dr. and Mrs. File (nee Annie Laurie Dodge) have lived most of the last 23 years in other parts of the country serving ministries in other parts of the country. They have held pioneer pastorates in Washington and Alaska and served on the faculty of Antioch Baptist College in Marietta, Georgia, where Mrs. File was director of the kindergarten and day care center.

The Files have not served in Gulfport since 1955 when he was pastor at Fernwood (then Bowen Memorial).

Dr. File's younger brother Jerry E. File is pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Columbus.

Dr. File earned his BA degree from William Carey College in 1955 and later studied at New Orleans Seminary and the University of Southern Mississippi. He received his Th.M. degree from Antioch and the Doctor of Religious Education from North Georgia Baptist Seminary, Dalton.

Brother File was struck with leukemia in 1964 which forced his retirement from the active pastorate in 1969. He says of this period, "the long trial is now ended and by God's mercy I am again fit to minister in the church of that blessed Saviour whose blood atonement covers every human need—even leukemia."

Ford's Son - - -

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Conwell Seminary student prayed: "So often, as we go through life, we are misled by our pride and self-centered confidence. We find ourselves guilty of thinking that we can prevail and lead a victorious life on our own merits and work. Again and again we try to make it alone in this every-demanding world, and again and again we are humbled before Thee.

"But Lord, we thank You for the stumbling blocks and obstacles you have set before us, the daily struggles in our lives that call for us to stop and re-evaluate our relationship with You. We know that we must never stop asking ourselves the question, 'Where does Christ stand in my life—in the center, or on the fringe?'

Off The Record

A poor farmer struck oil one day in his potato patch, and with his new wealth he built three swimming pools. He filled one with warm water, one with cool water and one he left empty.

"Why isn't there any water in the last pool?" asked a friend.

"Well," replied the new millionaire

—Boys' Life

Two music students were discussing their part-time jobs. Said one, "I work in the opera at night and carry a spear in one act." His friend asked, "How do you manage to keep up so late at night?" "It's simple," replied the first. "The man behind me carries a spear too."

First man: "I know an artist who painted a cobweb so real—that a maid spent an hour trying to get it down."

Second man: "Sorry, but I don't believe you."

First man: "Why not? Artists have been known to do such things."

Second man: "Yes—but not me."

—American Opinion

My mother-in-law resented my giving her a gift certificate. To Forest Lawn.

"Mary, why won't you marry me? There can't be anyone else."

Oh, Bill, there must be!"

My TV set's so small, Marcus Welby comes on as a pediatrician.

Sam put his money in the coffee machine, pushed the buttons, and watched. A stream of coffee gushed out of one nozzle, cream out of another. After the proper amount of both had gone down the drain where the cup should have been, Sam exclaimed, "Talk about automation. This machine even drinks the coffee for you."

—Carolina Co-operator

"Now, children," said the Sunday school teacher, "I have told you the story of Jonah and the whale. Willie, you may tell me what this story teaches."

"Yessum," said Willie, "it teaches that you can't keep a good man down."

—Funny Funny World



THE PULPIT MUSICAL DRAMA, "CELEBRATE LIFE," has been presented this summer by 38th AVENUE CHURCH, HATTIESBURG'S choir, to several different audiences, including Green Forest Convalescent Home; Forrest General Hospital (on television); First Church, Wiggins; Main Street Church, Goodman; Baptist Children's Village, Jackson; Johnson State Park, Hattiesburg; several churches in the area of Harlan, Kentucky; and 38th Avenue Church, Jimmy McCaleb, minister of music and youth, directed the production. Dr. James D. McLemore is the pastor.